dairy-microbiology, biochemistry, cattle breeding, nutrition and physiology etc.

Water crisis in Shantiniketan, South Delhi

189. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Memorandum on water crisis in South Delhi Colony of Shantiniketan, New Delhi-21, from the senior citizens, diplomatic corps personnel including two Ambassadors, residing there and Shantiniketan Resident's Welfare Association (Regd.);

(b) whether it is a fact that drinking water feeder lines of the shortage tank in the colony have been tampered with for making fire-fighting arrangements for a local school although a separate fire-fighting head is available near by, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that this has resulted in the water supply being restricted barely to one hour and few minutes both in the morning and evenings in colony; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry in the arrangements made in part (b) above as it is likely to cause contamination and health hazards to the residents of the colony; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking (DWS&SDU) have reported that a representation from the residents of the Shantiniketan colony was received by them on 21-5-1991.

(b) The already existing fire hydrant was at a distance from the school and would not meet the requirements of fire fighting in the local school and hence the Municipal Corporation of Delhi provided an additional hydrant to ensure the safety of the school and the students, from the bye-pass arrangement near Over-Head Tank and it is reported that there is no tampering of the distribution system as such. It is further reported that this has not caused any water scarcity in this colony as this hydrant would be used only in case of fire in the school.

(c) It is reported that no water scarcity has been created in the colony on account of the hydrant. However, on account of the undulating nature of the terrain, some areas may be getting water for lesser hours.

(d) It is reported by DWS&SDU that there is no cause of contamination and health hazard to the residents because the fire hydrant unit is sealed and a proper locking arrangement has been made at the controlling sluice valve which is to be operated only in the event of sudden fire. It is reported that the fire hydrant cannot supply any water to the school authority. In view of this no inquiry is considered necessary.

National Capital Region Plan

190. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan upto 31st March, 1991 and the provision made for the current financial year;

(b) the results achieved therefrom and whether the rate of growth of population in Delhi during the last decade is much higher than in the satellite towns in U.P., Haryana and Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' New Delhi dated the 16th August, 1991 captioned "concept of NCR fails";

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to implement this plan effectively and to make it really purposeful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Regional Plan—NCR 2001 has come into effect from 23rd Jan., 1989. Expenditure incurred during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 is Rs. 33.25 crores. Provisions for the year 1991-92 for the NCR Board are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores)
(a) Budgetary support . .	14.00
(b) Internal Resources . .	7.50

(b) Out of the total of 53 schemes taken up in the State Sector in the Region, 32 have been completed and the others are in progress. A total of 6973 acres of land has been acquired and approximately 5283 acres developed for housing, commercial activity and employment generation. The rates of growth as indicated in the provisional census figures of 1991 are as under :—

(i) Delhi Urban Agglomeration 46.19%

(ii) U.P. Sub Region of NCR 67.68%

(iii) Haryana Sub Region of NCR 53.36%

(iv) Rajasthan Sub Region of NCR 46.75%

Hence it is not correct to say that the rate of growth of population in Delhi during the last decade is much higher than in the sattelite towns in U.P., Haryana and Rajasthan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is not correct to say that the concept of NCR has failed. Government is taking various steps for phased implementation of the NCR Plan.

(e) The Regional Plan-NCR 2001 has proposed a package of policy measures relating to population, settlement system, development of infrastructure and employment activities, and decentralisation of economic activities from Delhi which is to be implemented in a phased manner.

Proposal for construction of New Railway lines in Maharashtra

191. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have sent some proposals to the Union Government for construction of new Railway lines and conversion to metre gauge lines into broad gauge in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following railway projects have been recommended by the Government of Maharashtra :—

(i) Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad MG section into BG and subsequently extending it upto Parli Vaijnath and Adilabad.

(ii) Conversion of Latur-Barsi-Pandharpur-Miraj NG section and extending it upto Latur Road and laying a new railway line joining Osmanabad with this line.

(iii) Construction of a new broad gauge line from Ahmednagar to Parli Vaijnath *via* Beed.

(iv) New BG line from Khamgaon to Jalna.

(v) Conversion of Chandrapur-Gondia Jabalpur NG to BG.

(vi) Conversion of Daund-Baramati NG line to BG.

(c) Government of Maharashtra had proposed setting up Corporation for (i) to (v) projects above. Survey reports for the projects at (i) to (iv) indicate that these would not be financially remunera-